

## **EISCC General Meeting**

**April 9, 2024 12:00 Noon**

St, Margarets Episcopal Church

Factoria, Bellevue WA

Mark Griffith, President

Introductions

21 online participants, 19 in person

Susan Cousins, new board member presented and approved by general membership.

### **Treasurer Report – March 31 financials:**

#### ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

BECU Checking 618.72

BECU Savings 72,873.78

Total Checking/Savings 73,492.50

Total Current Assets 73,492.50

Other Assets

Edward Jones - Cong for Kids 92,346.17

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#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

##### Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Congregations For Kids 153,209.94

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Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets 11,899.81

Net Income 728.92

Total Equity 12,628.73

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CFK report, Nancy Jacobs

Sending out donor letters, ordering backpacks and school supplies. Gift card pilot program appears to be successful so far.

Eastside Human Services Forum, Linda H

### **Spotlight:**

Sarah Robertson, Earth Ministry and Washington Interfaith Power & Light report

Transform faith into action in support of strong environmental policies.

Faith and conscience based work at environmental justice.

Invite to identify your issue

Climate justice

Rivers salmon and Orca

State and federal policy

Fossil fuels

Land/

## Toxins

Connect and Take Action for Earth Day

Website has many resources and links for further action.

Campaign launch, Sat May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11AM, University Congregational UCC,  
Seattle

[Sarah@earthministry.org](mailto:Sarah@earthministry.org)

**Announcement:** Ryan Murk, Porchlight, reported on upcoming hearing for proposed new affordable housing project in Redmond by Plymouth Crossing. Hearing is at City Hall in Redmond, April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM. Individuals were encouraged to show support, as outside groups are mounting a strong misinformation campaign.

### **Main Presentation** Marc Vermouth, Exec Director, The Sophia Way (TSW)

Marc is the new executive director, beginning in January of this year. TSW provides wrap-around services for women experiencing homelessness.

Shared values and commitment to equity.

Seattle/King County homeless, 13,368 individuals experiencing homelessness in 2022, a 30% increase in five years. Continues to disproportionately affect minorities. Ultimate fix, wage and income equity. Cost of housing in Western King County (2 bedroom apartment) requires an income level of \$98,000 per year.

Only 5% of homeless in area are from out of state. Cornerstone values: Shelter, safety, stability.

TSW now provides behavioral health counseling and case management. 90% of clients served are still in permanent housing after six months.

Of the women served, 30% are over 55, 46% are POC, 48% suffer disability, 70% are domestic violence survivors, 92% have an annual income of less than \$40K. Only half of sheltered individuals are actually unemployed, many of which are unable to work for various reasons.

Marc shared a video of one woman's experience getting into permanent housing via TSW. TSW provides multiple services – Housing, rental assistance, vehicle repair outreach, a day center providing breakfast and lunch, and safe parking, Over the last three years, 374 women found permanent housing through TSW.

Finances, \$3,273,231 revenue, \$3,448,550 expenses. 40% of revenue come from individuals and corporations, with the balance from civic, government, and faith organizations. There are many possibilities for interfaith communities to bring congregants into TSW for support.

Listening session Monday, April 15, 12PM via zoom, [marc.v@sophiaway.org](mailto:marc.v@sophiaway.org)

### **Other announcements**

Interfaith Day of Service announcement, May 18. Go to [www.Dayofservice.info](http://www.Dayofservice.info) and [Justserve.org/dayofservice](http://Justserve.org/dayofservice) are websites for more information.

Supreme Court hearing, City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, regarding laws regulating camping on public property constitutes “cruel and unusual punishment” under

the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment. It was announced that local listening sessions are scheduled for oral arguments on April 15<sup>th</sup>. However, a check of the Supreme Court calendar lists arguments are scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Meeting Ended, 1:25PM